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IN CONVERSATION WITH CONGENOFF ABOUT DISCOMFORTURE THAT LEFTISTS MAY FEEL AT SEEING REEMERGENCE OF CERTAIN REHABILITATED HIGH LEVEL CADRE, TIMOTHY GEORGE, ASSISTANT POLAD TO HKG, ALLUDED TO RECENT INCIDENT THAT INVOLVED CHIANG CHING. GEORGE SAID THAT ACCORDING TO SOURCE WHO ATTENDED APRIL 12 BANQUET FOR SIHANOUK AT WHICH REHABILITATED VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO- PING REEMERGED AND AT WHICH CHIANG CHING WAS CONSPICUOUSLY ABSENT (REFTEL), SIHANOUK APPARENTLY HAD NOT NOTED HER ABSENCE PRIOR TO BEGINNING HIS BANQUET REMARKS. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, THE PRINCE IN THE COURSE OF HIS REMARKS STARTED TO MAKE REFERENCE TO CHIANG CHING AND WAS ON VERGE OF SAYING HER NAME, WHEN HE WAS URGENTLY SIGNALLED BY SOMEONE SEATED CLOSE TO HIM THAT HE WAS ABOUT TO COMMIT GRIEVOUS FAUX PAS. SIHANOUK THEN DROPPED THE REFERENCE BUT THE INCIDENT DID NOT ESCAPE NOTICE. ACCORDING TO SAME SOURCE, TENG WAS GREETED WARMLY AND ENTHUSIASTICALLY BY A NUMBER OF THE PRC LEADERS AT THE BANQUET. GEORGE ALSO MENTIONED THAT IN WAKE OF TENG' S REEMERGENCE LOCAL COMMUNIST SOURCES SPECULATE THAT TAO CHU APPEARS HAVE GOOD CHANCE OF REHABILITATION BUT THAT PO I- PO
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